

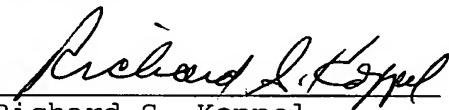
REMARKS

Claims 7 and 16 were allowed, while claims 3-4, 13-15, 17, 36-37 and 44-47 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, parent claims 1, 9, 33 and 40 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of their respective allowable dependent claims 4, 13, 36 and 44, and these dependent claims cancelled. Allowable claims 5, 14, 15, 37, 45 and 46 have been amended so that they depend from one or another of the amended parent claims, rather than the cancelled dependent claims. Allowable claims 17 and 47 depend respectively from allowable claims 15 and 46. The following claims were previously rejected, but have been amended to depend from allowable claims and accordingly should also be allowable: 2, 3, 6, 8, 10-12, 34, 35, 38, 39 and 41-43. All of the remaining claims have been cancelled.

All of the claims remaining in the application include subject matter that has been found to be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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